

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-46. (cancelled)

47. (currently amended) A content processing apparatus comprising:

a first storage section that stores therein an apparatus identifier unique to the content processing apparatus and a specific identification data which is different from the apparatus identifier and which is used for judging whether an encrypted content stored in a content storage medium is normally decodable by the content processing apparatus;

an encrypting section that encrypts content and the specific identification data using the apparatus identifier; and

an output section that stores the encrypted content and the encrypted specific identification data in a content storage medium which is detachable from the content processing apparatus .

48. (currently amended) The content processing apparatus according to claim 47, further comprising:

an authentication section that determines whether access is allowed to a first area of the content storage medium, the content storage medium having the first area and a second area, wherein the output section stores the specific identification data encrypted in the first area, and stores the content encrypted in the second area.

49. (currently amended) The content processing apparatus according to claim 47, further comprising:

a second storage section that stores therein a title of the content, in association with the specific identification data.

50-66. (cancelled)

67. (currently amended) A content processing apparatus comprising:

an input section that reads out encrypted content from a content storage medium which is detachable from the content processing apparatus, and encrypted first specific identification data from the content storage medium;

a first storage section that stores therein second specific data and an apparatus identifier unique to the content processing apparatus and second identification data which is different from the apparatus identifier and which is used for judging whether the encrypted content stored in the content storage medium is normally decodable by the content processing apparatus;

a decoding section that decodes the encrypted first specific identification data using the apparatus identifier; and

a comparing section that compares the decoded first specific identification data with the second specific identification data stored in the first storage section,

wherein when the first specific identification data agrees with the second specific identification data, the decoding section decodes the encrypted content using the apparatus identifier.

68. (currently amended) The content processing apparatus according to claim 67, further comprising:

an authentication section that determines whether access is allowed to a first area of the content storage medium, wherein which the encrypted first specific identification data is stored in the first area and the encrypted content is stored in a second area of the content storage medium.

69. (currently amended) The content processing apparatus according to claim 67, further comprising:

a second storage section that stores therein a title of the content corresponding to the second specific identification data; and

a display section that displays the title stored in the second storage section when the comparison of the comparing section indicates that the first specific identification data agrees with the second specific identification data stored in the first storage section.

70-86. (cancelled)

87. (currently amended) A content processing apparatus that, in an information management system where digitized information of content is managed as a file on a detachable content storage medium and use of the digital information is allowed only in an environment providing a specific identifier, writes the digital information into the content storage medium, the content processing apparatus comprising:

a first storage section that stores an apparatus identifier unique to the content processing apparatus, and a specific identification data which is different from the apparatus identifier and which is used for determining/judging whether thean encrypted content to be stored in the content storage medium ~~can be decoded properly~~ is normally decodable by the content processing apparatus;

an encrypting section that encrypts the content using the apparatus identifier and encrypts the specific identification data using the apparatus identifier; and

an output section that stores the encrypted content and the encrypted specific identification data in the content storage medium.

88. (currently amended) The content processing apparatus according to claim 87, wherein:

the content storage medium comprises a first area for which authentication is required for access and a second area for which authentication is not required;

the content processing apparatus further comprises an authentication section that determines whether access is allowed to the first area of the content storage medium; and

the output section stores the encrypted specific identification data in the first area and stores the encrypted content in the second area in association with the specific identification data.

89. (previously presented) The content processing apparatus according to claim 87, wherein the content processing apparatus comprises a cellular telephone, and the apparatus identifier comprises a telephone number or a serial number of the cellular telephone.

90. (currently amended) A content processing apparatus that, in an information management system where digitized information of content is managed as a file on a detachable content storage medium and use of the digital information is allowed only in an environment providing a specific identifier, writes the digital information into the content storage medium, the content processing apparatus comprising:

an input section that reads out encrypted content and encrypted specific identification data stored in the content storage medium ;

a first storage section that stores an apparatus identifier unique to the content processing apparatus, and a specific identification data which is different from the apparatus identifier and which is for determining whether the encrypted content to be stored in the content storage medium can be decoded properly;

a second storage section that stores the content;

a decoding section that decodes the encrypted content and the encrypted specific identification data read out from the content storage medium using the apparatus identifier; and

a comparing section that compares decoded specific identification data obtained by decoding the encrypted specific identification data with the specific identification data stored in the first storage section,

wherein, when the decoded specific identification data agrees with the specific identification data stored in the first storage section, the decoding section decodes the encrypted content using the apparatus identifier.

91. (currently amended) The content processing apparatus according to claim 90, wherein:

the input section reads out the encrypted specific identification data before reading out the encrypted content from the content storage medium;

the comparing section compares specific identification data obtained by decoding the encrypted specific identification data at the decoding section with the specific identification data stored in the first storage section and determines whether the decoded specific identification data agrees with the stored specific identification data; and

only when the decoded specific identification data is determined to agree with the stored specific identification data, the input section reads out the encrypted content from the content storage medium, and the decoding section decodes the encrypted content using the apparatus identifier.

92. (currently amended) The content processing apparatus according to claim 90, wherein:

the content storage medium comprises a first area for which authentication is required for access and a second area for which authentication is not required;

the content processing apparatus further comprises an authentication section that determines whether access is allowed to the first area of the content storage medium; and

the input section reads out the encrypted specific identification data from the first area and reads out the encrypted data from the second area.

93. (previously presented) The content processing apparatus according to claim 90, wherein the content processing apparatus comprises a cellular telephone, and the apparatus identifier comprises a telephone number or a serial number of the cellular telephone.